

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : Chaikof et al.  
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For : Plastic and Elastic  
Protein Copolymers  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Communication with mailing date of April 23, 2008 and pursuant to a phone call with Examiner Suzanne Noakes on May 6, 2008. Regarding the Office Communication's request for non-elected claims to be indicated as withdrawn, Applicants respectfully maintain that the response filed January 24, 2008 is generally proper and that a voluntary change in the status of the claims is not necessary unless and until the outstanding restriction requirement may be made final. Also, the Applicants note that the earlier response inadvertently lacked a claim status identifier for claim 53. The status identifier for claim 53 should have indicated that it is an original claim, as are all of the pending claims 1-76. The Examiner is thanked for indicating that it would not be necessary to submit a further amendment or claim listing with this response.

Applicants believe that this submission is fully responsive and earnestly wish to advance the prosecution of this case. It is believed that the present submission does not require the payment of any fees. If this is incorrect however, please charge any fees required, including any extensions of time required, to Deposit Account No. 07-1969.

Respectfully submitted,

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